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Current Comment.

The Kansas City World casually remarks: "Miss Susan B. Anthony and her co-workers have struggled with seventeen congresses in the past forty years in their effort to have the right of suffrage extended to women. The amount of energy expended in other directions would have built the Isthmian Canal, the Pacific cable and a double track railway from Alaska to Cape Horn."

Little is known concerning the exact status of the Isthmian canal negotiations and deliberations. But in the somewhat sensational dispatches from Paris there is nothing to excite American apprehension. There is no warrant for the statement that "Columbia has blocked, temporarily if not permanently, the proposed sale of the Panama canal to the United States." The consul general of Colombia at Paris has simply served notice on the company that it cannot transfer its concession to the United States without first securing a modification of certain articles of its charter. There is no "thunderbolt" or even surprise in this notice. The Walker commission has been aware of the fact all along. The company is anxious to sell, and is awaiting the decision of congress. Colombia is willing and anxious to facilitate the transfer, but she wishes to make the best terms possible, as we should in her place. She has given us no occasion to question her good faith.

The supreme court of the United States denied the motion of the state of Minnesota to leave to file a bill of complaint against the Northern Securities company, on the ground of lack of jurisdiction. In other words, the constitution of the United States does not give the supreme court jurisdiction of the case.

This does not affect the suit against the Securities company brought by Attorney General Knox, for this is based on the allegation that the company has violated the Sherman anti-trust law. The decision of the supreme court on the Minnesota application is in no sense a victory for the railway interests concerned in the merger. It simply means that an unseemly beginning was made, and that a fresh start must be taken on some other tack to reach the desired point.

In refusing by a vote of 9 to 5 to take action on any of the Schley resolutions, the house naval committee has practically ended the unpleasant case so far as congress is concerned. The committee clearly took the ground that by appealing to the president, his commander in chief, Admiral Schley has closed his own case. It is best that the unpleasant, and in many ways unprofitable, controversy be considered closed. There is little more that Schley could gain even should congress reopen the case, as his champions on the naval committee were willing to eliminate the question of command. Schley and all who took part in the battle of Santiago and its preliminaries have been given due credit by the American people. Congress cannot add to this and it might detract from it by reviving the heat and bitterness of the controversy. The outstanding questions will be impartially dealt with by history.

With a trade worth almost \$300,000,000 a year with Germany, why should America not show friendliness to that nation's visiting representative?

Our European cousins will please understand that Uncle Sam has equal good will for all, but will not play any exclusive favorites.

President Roosevelt has presented to Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts the pen with which he signed the Gillet-Lodge bill to forbid the sale of intoxicants, opium and firearms by American citizens in the islands of the Pacific not under civilized power, of which the New Hebrides is the chief group. In order to make this protection permanent and extend it to all aboriginal races, Secretary Hay has asked the British government to join ours in submitting to other commercial powers a universal treaty to prohibit the selling of intoxicants and opium to such races everywhere.

President Roosevelt has signed the bill establishing a permanent census bureau. The new bureau is to be established on July 1, and the president has informed the secretary of the interior that, with his, the secretary's, approval, the director of the census may appoint in the permanent census force in two ways. First, from the present census employees, but only so many as are to be permanently employed in that office; second, according to civil service regulations. The secretary of the interior thus appears to be given responsibility for the first selections not only as to personnel but as to the number of chosen. As a member of the president's official family he will doubtless be expected to keep in mind the president's

well-known advocacy of the merit system. In other words, he will act for the president and see that the dangerous feature of the new law is not permitted to strain the merit principle beyond a point absolutely necessary for the establishment of the permanent bureau.

The paralytic stroke sustained by former Gov. John P. Altgeld terminated in his death, and a prominent figure passes out of state and national politics. With undoubtedly superior abilities was united a temperament tinged with pessimism, that made him prone to see the dark side, and his warm sympathies inspired him to fierce denunciation. He would have been a more useful citizen and public officer had he been able to see the play of forces which make for good as well as evil. It was this disposition that led him, as governor, to give his sympathies to the mob that rioted in Chicago and to attempt the defeat of the measures taken by President Cleveland to restore order. It also carried him into the mawkish sympathy which gave executive clemency to the anarchists. By these two acts the man was judged and condemned without allowance for the humanitarian impulses, mistakenly followed, which moved him.

The Boer delegates who called on the president did not state explicitly what steps they desired the United States to take. They merely wanted this country to interfere in some manner in their behalf against England. The reply of Mr. Roosevelt was the only one that could be given. He said that this government can not and will not interfere.

At the beginning of the war, the United States was the only nation which made a proffer of its good offices as mediator to avert the struggle. This offer was declined. No attempt was made by any other country in behalf of the Boers until a few weeks ago when Holland, through one of her officials, asked if England would allow Kruger and the other Boers at The Hague to open negotiations looking to peace. The reply was that England recognized the Boers in the field as the only source of Boer authority, and not Kruger and his friends.

Great Britain having declined to accept any intermediary, there is but one other way in which we can intervene. That is, to declare war against England on behalf of Boer independence. Many Americans sympathize deeply with the burghers, but we doubt if any intelligent American desires to involve this nation in war because of them. A lot of demagogues in congress and on the stump are playing on the sympathies of the American people for their own personal and political ends; but they would stop short if the proposition were made in dead earnest to go to war with England.

President Roosevelt has decided to visit the Charleston exposition. The people of South Carolina want him to come and will give him an enthusiastic reception. The conduct of the Tillmans does not meet with the approval of the citizens of the Palmetto state. They want the president to ignore both Tillman incidents and come.

After prolonged debate, the senate on Monday of this week, passed the ship subsidy bill, the final vote upon the measure being 42 to 31. Senators Allison and Doolittle, of Iowa; Spooner and Quarles, of Wisconsin, and Proctor and Dillingham, of Vermont, Republicans, voted against the final passage of the bill, and Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, voted for it.

The house committee on rules, by a divided vote on party lines has decided to report the resolution of Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, for a special committee of thirteen members to investigate and report on the alleged disfranchisement of voters in some of the states.

The Last Lecture.

According to announcement, Dr. Quayle delivered his lecture on "Shakespeare's Women" at the Methodist church last Friday evening. The lecture was largely a sociological discussion. The inherent differences between man and woman in manner of thought and feeling as well as views of life, were discussed philosophically. Dr. Quayle is a close observer, an extensive reader and traveler, and in mentioning each of the women represented by Shakespeare, he could give examples from personal observation showing the truth and naturalness of the represented character. Shakespeare is the world poet and his characters are world characters, which are as true in America or the continent of Europe, as in the home land of the poet. At times the doctor was humorous, at times eloquent, but always fascinating and interesting, and his observations just and scholarly. Our people are to be congratulated on having this lecture and lecturer to close the season.

COUNTY COURT MATTERS.

The March Term of County Court Makes Annual Settlement With County Collector.

The March term of our county court is usually a very busy one, and while it does not do so very much miscellaneous business, it usually has its hands full in making the annual settlement with the county collector. This job alone consumes fully one day of the court's time. It also requires a day's time to make their annual inventory at the poor farm, and following these came the usual miscellaneous business, making loans, etc., that kept them quite busy until Thursday of last week.

Superintendent Carson filed his bond for \$1,000 as superintendent of the poor farm, which was approved.

Wm. Hodgkin filed his report of the transactions of his road district, Hickory township, showing:

Receipts.....\$1,080 50
Expenditures.....808 77

Balance.....\$ 271 79

J. W. Crider filed his report, showing the transactions of road district, 1, Clay township, for the two years past:

Receipts.....\$2,576 75
Expenditures.....2,355 06

Balance.....\$ 241 69

Surveyor Landon was ordered to survey and mark out the road running north from New Point along the land of J. G. Cowan, 40 feet wide; upon the establishing of such road, said Cowan is to make deed to the county for lands taken for such road, Mr. Cowan to pay expenses of the survey, etc.

The court loaned \$9,500 of its school moneys, while three parties paid off their school fund mortgages, amounting to \$3,903. The county has an abundance of school money to loan and we believe it would be well if the court would lower the rate to the very minimum rate.

The taxes levied against the Peter Huba estate were declared erroneous. The court allowed a warrant for \$39.60 to pay costs in some misdemeanor cases.

The court made their annual inventory of the personal property, at the county infirmary, showing a valuation of \$2,388.35. As compared with that of a year ago it shows an increase of several hundred dollars.

County Physician Aiken filed his quarterly report of the condition of the county infirmary, showing the same in a good condition in every respect; there are 10 inmates at present—nine males and one female. One death occurred during the quarter ending December 31, 1901.

The Mound City Telephone Company's property was ordered raised, poles from \$8 to \$10 per mile; wire from \$5 to \$7 per mile.

Joseph Wise was appointed road commissioner for two years to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Hunt.

County Clerk Welty and Circuit Clerk Hogrefe filed their quarterly report of fees received.

James Donovan and G. W. Bender were exempted from poll tax.

Collector Stock submitted his annual report, which showed the following collections:

Current land and personal.....\$ 72,853
Consolidated land book.....1,663
Collections on 1900 land.....2,903
Personal, 1900.....653
Personal prior years.....994
Merchants and manufacturers, East Mill Creek drainage 1901, Big Tarkio drainage, 1900.....1,133
Billiard tables.....41
Pool tables.....144
Dram shops.....2,323
Peddler's license.....151
Ferry license.....13
Poll tax.....4,759
Railroads.....8,844
Telephone.....111
Corning Ditch.....7
Delinquent railroad.....1,750
Delinquent 1900 poll tax.....1,161

Total, for 1901.....\$103,279

The school taxes collected were as follows:

CORNING.
Amount levied.....\$ 464.74
Delinquent.....166.75

OREGON.
Amount levied.....3,102.68
Delinquent.....115.27

FOREST CITY.
Amount levied.....1,247.29
Delinquent.....82.15

MOUND CITY.
Amount levied.....4,246.10
Delinquent.....600.60

BIGELOW.
Amount levied.....883.85
Delinquent.....23.81

CRAIG.
Amount levied.....2,170.74
Delinquent.....255.03

MAITLAND.
Amount levied.....2,688.50

Delinquent.....166.75
The following were drawn to serve as petit jurors during the April term of our circuit court:

Benton, J. G. Wilson, Jonas Whitmer, Peter Rung, E. P. Shellenberger, Bigelow T. T. Wilson.

Clay, D. A. Gelvin, R. C. Hunter, M. W. Brumbaugh.

Forbes, E. F. Leach, C. M. Price, Forest, H. E. Robinson, H. L. Everson.

Hickory, J. A. Springer, Lewis, Jas Ramsay, R. C. Benton, C. J. Fuhrman.

Liberty, James A. Ward, A. S. Snell, Lincoln, E. Brock.

Minton, J. H. Romine, Nodaway, Geo Stephenson.

Union, Henry Scheele, D. D. Perkins, C. E. Metz.

Hurt in a Runaway.

Last Sunday while returning from this city to the farm of Rudolph Burger, where they are now living, Orville Fike and wife had an experience with a runaway team that proved to be rather serious. The neck yoke suddenly became loose in some manner, allowing the tongue of the vehicle to drop to the ground. This frightened the team and they started to run. Orville had them nearly stopped when of the lines broke and they increased their speed. When they reached the bridge near Sam Proud's residence, Orville and his wife and babe were thrown out, Mrs. Fike and the babe going over the banister, falling a distance of 18 feet, Mrs. Fike receiving an ugly five-inch gash just below the knee, and both arms were badly bruised. The babe received a bruise on the head, and Orville was injured across the breast, and below the heart, suffering a partial fracture of one rib, and also receiving injuries in the region of the collar bone. Dr. Bickel, who was called informs us that while their injuries were rather painful they are in no wise dangerous. The babe is almost well again.—Mound City News.

Getting Ready.

Messrs. Petree Bros. and Charles Bocher have completed their brief of some 80 pages in the case of the State vs. Giles Laughlin, and the same has been filed with the supreme court: the case will be heard by the supreme court at the coming April term.

Judge Anthony, John Kennish and Frank Petree have completed their brief in the case of School District 35 vs. Noble Hodgkin. The district is known as the Croston district, and was created in 1899, the district through its board of directors were unable to agree with Hodgkin as to the price for a piece of land for school site purposes. The circuit court named three commissioners to assess the damages which they did, fixing the value of the land at \$250, which did not suit Hodgkin; a trial was had resulting in a verdict for the district: the defendant took an appeal to the supreme court, and hence the brief. It is a very voluminous document making nearly 100 pages. Mr. Dungan represents the district. The case will be heard at the coming April term.

He Was Badly Burned.

Little Ralph, the 2-year old son of D. D. Carr and wife, came near losing his life, Friday afternoon of last week. While the family were busy down stairs in their restaurant, he went up stairs and was playing about the room. By some means he got hold of some matches, and was having a little Fourth of July all to himself, lighting them and seeing them burn. His clothing became ignited and in but a moment he was enveloped in flames. A little brother, about 7-years old was in an adjoining room, and as the little fellow came where he was, his wonderful presence of mind prompted him to pick up a floor rug that was in reach, and he immediately wrapped this about the burning child, threw him to the floor and rolled him about the floor until the flames were extinguished, when he called his parents, and Dr. Kearney was called at once and administered to the relief of the little fellow. He was quite severely burned about the arms and body, while his elder brother had his hands very badly burned. The thoughtfulness of this child no doubt saved the life of his brother, and perhaps the building.

The Whistle Blew—The Mules Run.

John Milne, aged 24 years, son of J. R. Milne, of Forbes township, met with a severe accident, Tuesday, March 18, 1902. He had gone to a saw mill, in the neighborhood, driving a span of young mules, that were quite fractious. He left his team standing, to load something on the wagon, when the engineer blew the whistle, and off they started. Mr. Milne ran and grabbed them, but was caught between the running gear of the wagon and a log, the result being two ribs broken on the right side, the right ear torn, upper and lower lips cut severely, and other parts of his anatomy bruised, and several contusions on the head. Dr. Kearney, who was called to attend him, says that while he needed considerable "fixin'", that he does not think that he is injured internally, but that it will be several days before he will be able to get out.

PROBATE COURT MATTERS.

Judge Murphy Disposes of Much Business at an Adjourned Term.

The probate court met in adjourned session Monday, March 17, and attended to several important matters, among which were the following:

In the matter of Geo. Foster, a minor, Geo. Foster selected John Foster as his guardian, who was accordingly appointed by the court, and his bond fixed at \$400, which was given and approved, whereupon John Foster, guardian of George Foster, files inventory showing \$186.64 on hand, which inventory was approved.

M. D. Walker having presented inventories and appraisements in the estates of E. Mer Ramsay and Ramsay Brothers, in vacation; the court approves same. The appraisements showing amount of Ramsay Bros. estate to be \$478. M. D. Walker also presents sale bill of same estate, showing sale of the aforementioned property made in pursuance to the order of the probate court which sale bill showed the personal property to be \$587.90.

The court appointed E. F. Weller administrator of the estate of J. R. Bradford, deceased, and fixed his bond at \$10,000, which was given and the court approved the same. E. F. Weller presented inventory and appraisement of the personal property in this estate, showing personal property and money \$3,655.69.

The court appointed Andrew Peters administrator of the estate of Frank Snowwhite, and fixed his bond at \$1,200, which was given and letters of administration granted to said Andrew Peters.

Dr. W. M. Watson presented petition asking for administration of the estate of the estate of H. C. Wright, deceased, whereupon the court issued a citation to the widow to take out letters of administration of said estate.

The court made an order of distribution of \$6,000 of the funds belonging to the estate of Chris. Fuhrman among the heirs and distributees.

Andrew Peters presented inventory and appraisement in the estate of Frank Snowwhite, showing personal property \$681.71 besides 40 acres of land.

The court issued citation of the administrators of the estate of Thomas Bragg, and also to Mrs. Emma Bragg, to consider the matter of the collateral inheritance assessable against the interest of the said Mrs. Emma Bragg in said estate, whereupon the matter being considered the amount of her interest was found to be \$8,823 and the tax assessed according to law, was \$441.

In the matter of the estate of Myrtle, Repta, Carl and Fred Gillis, Robert Gillis filed inventory as guardian, showing amount of personal property to be \$600.38, which inventory was approved by the court.

In the matter of the last will of John D. Burk, deceased, Mrs. Anna Southwell and Louisa J. Ungles present the instrument and make proof, and the court admits the same to probate as the will of the said John D. Burk, and John W. Watson is appointed executor. The will provides that after the debts are paid the remainder of the estate goes to the widow for her life time and after her death the remainder is to go to the daughter, Luna May House.

E. F. Weller filed his bond as administrator of the partnership estate of J. R. and J. E. Bradford in amount of \$1,500, which was approved.

E. A. Brown filed receipts and vouchers in estates of Baxter Bean and Jennie Bean, deceased.

The court ordered R. S. Meyer to distribute \$3,000 among the heirs of G. W. Haken, deceased.

Demand of Denny & Rayhill against the estate of Samuel Shutts is allowed, in amount of \$50 and assigned to class 1 of demands.

Demand of J. B. Coffin against the estate of Thomas Hamm, allowed in amount \$9.05 and assigned to class 5.

Demand of Stone & Kelley against the estate of Thomas Hamm, allowed, and assigned to class 1.

Demand of H. S. Kelley against the estate of R. C. Wyman, allowed in amount \$77.52 and assigned to class 5.

Demand of Nola Gresham against the estate of J. L. Chuning, allowed in amount \$58.10 and assigned to class 5.

Demand of B. F. Judy against the estate of Franklin Miller, allowed in amount \$303.93 and assigned to class 5.

The court appointed Adelia Myers as administratrix of the estate of H. E. Myers, deceased, and fixed her bond at \$800, which was given and approved.

the estate of Thomas Bragg was allowed in amount \$50, and assigned to class 5.

Demand of Dr. J. R. Kearney against the estate of Rebecca Blair was allowed in amount \$23.00, and assigned to class 5.

Now comes John Peters and asks an order to sell the interests of Don and Dora Peters, minors, in certain real estate, and the court heard evidence on said petition, and granted the order as prayed.

In the matter of the homestead and dower of Luella Markt, the commissioners heretofore appointed, to-wit: Albert Roecker, James Ramsay and Columbus Kunkel made report of the dower and homestead set off to widow, which report was filed and approved.

The lands of Martha Ball were sold according to advertisement to pay debts.

The Oregon High School.

Our citizens and patrons of our school will be very much pleased to know how our school compares with the other schools of the state. Last week, Miss Ethel Young, who has been a member of the Freshman class of the Oregon High school, went to St. Joseph with her parents, who have moved there and entered the Freshman class in the St. Joseph High school. Her work at St. Joseph is an exact continuation of what her work was here in our High school. The classes here were just as far along in their different studies as St. Joseph. This certainly indicates beyond any question of doubt that the school work which is done in the High school of Oregon, is just as high-grade as the work which is done in St. Joseph. And since the St. Joseph High school is as good a High school as there is in the state, the natural inference is that anyone can secure as high grade of school work in our High school as any High school in Missouri. The people of Oregon should be proud of this fact, and should encourage school work in every way possible, so that the present course of work and degree of efficiency can be maintained.

LIFE'S CHORD IS SEVERED.

Those Who Have Answered the Death Summons the Past Week in Holt County.

WATSON.

Mary Jane Dory, the aged mother of Mrs. W. G. Spink and grandmother of Mesdames A. B. Stokes and J. R. Krusor, died at the home of her daughter near town on March 7th, 1902. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 17, 1814, making her at her death aged 87 years, 6 months and 22 days. She was married in 1831 to John Watson, the fruit of which union were five daughters and six sons; her husband and eight children preceded her to the gloryland. Up to seven years ago she resided in Michigan, when she came to Holt county to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Spink. She was a consistent Methodist, having united with that church 73 years ago. She was a noble old mother and in the family circle she will be missed.—Craig Leader.

RANKIN.

Vincent Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rankin, of Andrew county, died at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance, in this city, March 14, 1902. Vincent was 5 years old and an unusually bright boy. He had been a cripple for three years, resulting from a dislocated hip.—Maitland Herald.

WAITE.

Mrs. Ollie Waite died at her home in Mound City, Tuesday of last week, March 11, 1902. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon.

STEELE.

Lizzie, the 14-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, died at her home near Fortescue, on Sunday, March 9, 1902. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by Elder Peters; interment at New Liberty cemetery.

Culp School Closes.

On Wednesday of last week, the patrons of the Culp school surprised their teacher, Miss Maud Forney, by going to the school house about noon and spreading an excellent dinner. The surprise was indeed complete as far as the teacher was concerned. In the afternoon the school closed with an exciting "ciphering" contest. The quickness of the pupils in their work, showed them to be well trained. On Friday night Miss Forney and her pupils gave an exhibition that was indeed well worth attending. Seldom have we attended a country school exhibition where all carried out their parts as well as did the teacher and pupils of this school.

There is no more intelligent or better mannered pupils in old Holt, than those of the Culp school, and we believe no more earnest and conscientious instructor can be found than Miss Forney. We wish her success in her chosen avocation, wherever she may go.

R. M. B.